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¶1. (U) This is an action message. USUN is authorized to agree to the resolution extending the mandate of the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) for an additional twelve months. Should the text of the resolution change prior to adoption, Department requests Post should seek further Department guidance.

¶2. (U) Begin resolution text:

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The Security Council,

Recalling all its previous relevant resolutions on Iraq, in particular 1500 (2003) of 14 August 2003, 1546 (2004) of 8 June 2004, 1557 (2004) of 12 August 2004, 1619 (2005) of 11 August 2005, 1700 (2006) of 10 August 2006 and 1770 (2007) of 10 August 2007,

Reaffirming the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Iraq,

Emphasizing the importance of the stability and security of Iraq for the people of Iraq, the region, and the international community,

Acknowledging that a democratically elected and constitutionally based Government of Iraq is now in place,

Welcoming improvements in the security situation in Iraq achieved through concerted political and security efforts and stressing that challenges to security in Iraq still exist and improvements need to be sustained through meaningful political dialogue and national reconciliation,

Underscoring the need for all communities in Iraq to reject sectarianism, participate in the political process and an inclusive political dialogue, reach a comprehensive solution on the distribution of resources, and work towards national reconciliation for the sake of Iraq's political stability and unity,

Reaffirming the importance of the United Nations, in particular the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq(UNAMI), in supporting the efforts of the Iraqi people and Government to strengthen institutions for representative government, promote political dialogue and national reconciliation, engage neighboring countries, assist vulnerable groups, including refugees and internally displaced persons, and promote the protection of human rights and judicial and legal reform,

Expressing concern for human rights challenges in Iraq and stressing the importance of addressing those challenges,

Expressing concern also for the humanitarian issues confronting the Iraqi people and stressing the need for a

coordinated response and adequate resources to address these issues,

Underscoring the sovereignty of the Government of Iraq and reaffirming that all parties should continue to take all feasible steps and develop modalities to ensure the protection of affected civilians, including children, and should create conditions conducive to the voluntary, safe, dignified, and sustainable return of refugees and internally displaced persons, welcoming new commitments of the Government of Iraq for the relief of internally displaced persons, encouraging continued efforts for internally displaced persons and refugees, and noting the important role of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, based on its mandate, in providing advice and support to the Government of Iraq, in coordination with UNAMI,

Urging all those concerned as set forth in international humanitarian law, including the Geneva Conventions and the Hague Regulations, to allow full unimpeded access by humanitarian personnel to all people in need of assistance, and to make available, as far as possible, all necessary facilities for their operations, and to promote the safety, security, and freedom of movement of humanitarian personnel and United Nations and its associated personnel and their assets,

Welcoming the Secretary-General's appointment on 11 September 2007 of a new Special Representative for Iraq and recognizing his expanded role in advising the Government of Iraq and supporting the Iraqi people as established in resolution 1770 (2007) of 10 August 2007,

Acknowledging the important roles played by the United Nations and the Government of Iraq in the First Anniversary Ministerial Review of the International Compact with Iraq, held in Stockholm on 29 May 2008, as well as in the expanded Neighbors Conference on 22 April 2008, its working groups, and its ad hoc support mechanism, and underscoring the importance of continued regional and international support for Iraq's development,

Welcoming the Government of Iraq's decision to allocate a parcel of land in Baghdad to the UN for its new integrated headquarters, and urging the Government of Iraq to fulfill its commitment to contribute financially to this project,

Welcoming also the letter of 4 August 2008 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iraq to the Secretary-General (S/2008/45022, annex), setting forth the request of the Government of Iraq that the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) continue to assist Iraqi efforts to build a productive and prosperous nation at peace with itself and its neighbors,

¶1. Decides to extend the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) for a period of twelve months from the date of this resolution;

¶2. Decides further that the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and UNAMI, at the request of the Government of Iraq and taking into account the letter of 4 August 2008 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iraq to the Secretary-General (S/2008/45022, annex), shall continue to pursue their expanded mandate as stipulated in resolution 1770 (2007);

¶3. Recognizes that security of UN personnel is essential for UNAMI to carry out its work for the benefit of the people of Iraq and calls upon the Government of Iraq and other Member States to continue to provide security and logistical support to the UN presence in Iraq;

¶4. Welcomes the contributions of Member States in providing UNAMI with the financial, logistical, and security resources and support that it needs to fulfill its mission and calls upon Member States to continue to

provide UNAMI with these resources and support;

¶5. Expresses its intention to review the mandate of UNAMI in twelve months or sooner, if requested by the Government of Iraq;

¶6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council on a quarterly basis on the progress made towards the fulfillment of all UNAMI's responsibilities; and

¶7. Decides to remain seized of the matter.

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